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FORCE REPORT



FORCM Roberts, Director Hospital Corps:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Shipmates, for 247 years, our Navy has stood watch over our Nation, keeping it, its people, and our national interests safe. I'm proud to be a part of an organization whose impact spans the globe. This is my 32nd Navy Birthday, and every year I reflect on the Navy and what this service means to me.

Over a decade ago, I put serious thought into retirement. I had an excellent career up to that point, and I was proud of my service. But I struggled to imagine a life apart from Sailors and our organization. So, I recommitted myself to being the best Sailor I could be and positively impact my Navy to the highest degree possible.

I ask each of you to reflect on what the Navy means to you and use that as motivation to be the best Sailor you can be!

*People,
Platforms,
Performance,
Power*





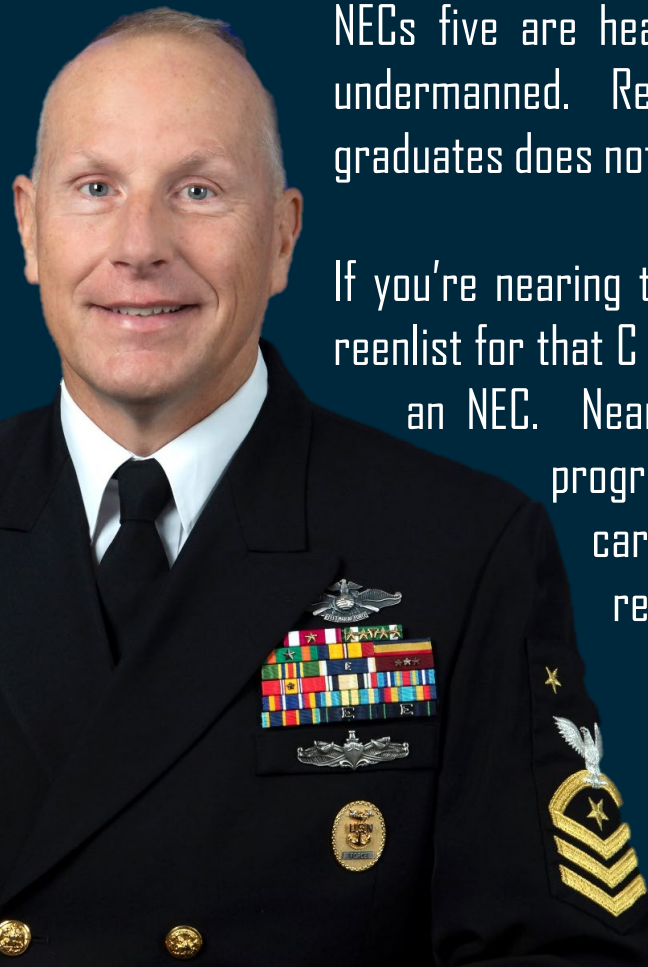
FORCM's THOUGHTS

FORCM Roberts, Director Hospital Corps:

Part of my responsibility as Director of the Hospital Corps is to maintain the overall health of our rating. Health, in this context, is primarily defined by manning numbers. "How many HMs do we have, and how many do we need?" Currently, our health needs improvement. Of the Hospital Corps 40 NECs five are healthy. Eight are overmanned; the rest are undermanned or, worse, critically undermanned. Recruiting has been a challenge across all services, but the lack of steady HM graduates does not change the fact that our Fleet requires the skillsets taught in our C Schools.

If you're nearing the end of your first enlistment, I strongly encourage you to select an NEC and reenlist for that C School. If you don't plan on retiring from the Navy, all the more reason to choose an NEC. Nearly all of our NECs offer some certification or relate to a civilian certificate program. If you plan to separate early, use our schools to better your post-military career. Whether you commit to 5 years of service, 10 or 20+, those years will come regardless. Take advantage of the opportunities available to you.

Please use this link to view the current Enlisted Bonuses available!
<https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Community-Management/Enlisted-Career-Admin/SRB-SDAP-Enl-Bonus/>





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DOD COOL

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Credentialing Opportunities On-Line

Department of Defense (DOD) Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) is the result of extensive inter-Service collaboration to facilitate credentialing of Service members. All Services recognize the important role that occupational credentials can play in professionalizing the Force and in enhancing the Service member's ability to transition to the civilian workforce upon completion of military service. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard each have their own Service-specific COOL programs designed to match military occupations to civilian credentials (occupational certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships) and provide resources to help Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen attain these credentials. The Services disseminate this information on their own COOL websites. DOD COOL is the umbrella site providing a single point of access to the Services' COOL websites.

DOD COOL contains resources and information on credentialing and the military for decision makers, leaders, agencies and other interested parties. This information can be accessed via the top navigation menu on this site.

The branch-specific COOL sites contain a variety of service-specific information about certifications and licenses related to military occupations. Use the branch-specific COOL sites to:

- ✓ Get background information about civilian licensure and certification in general and specific information on individual credentials, including eligibility and testing requirements and resources to prepare for an exam.
- ✓ Identify licenses and certifications relevant to individual military occupations.
- ✓ Learn how to fill gaps between military training and experience and civilian credentialing requirements.
- ✓ Learn about resources available to Service members that can help them gain civilian job credentials.

In addition, DOD COOL includes the following features:

- DOD Civilian COOL — Built from the same mold as its sister sites, DOD Civilian COOL helps federal civilian employees find detailed information on certifications and licenses related to their federal jobs. They can also use DOD Civilian COOL to get background information on credentialing and related topics.
- Military Occupations Explorer — Learn how military occupations relate to each other among the military branches, civilian careers, and civilian credentials. **More information can be found at** <https://www.cool.osd.mil>

NEC SPOTLIGHT

L23A – SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST

Surgical Technologists aid Medical and Nurse Corps Officers in providing surgical care through procedure assistance, equipment preparation, instrument sterilization, and maintaining aseptic technique. Technologists are assigned to various platforms including, surface fleet, USMC assignments, and fleet surgical teams.

INCENTIVES:

Selective Reenlistment Bonuses:

Zone A- \$45,000

Zone B- \$60,000

S.T.A.R. Advancement Opportunity for eligible individuals.

National certification opportunity available upon completion of school. Several other certifications available with Navy COOL assistance.



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JOB WELL DONE!



HM3 DEVIN A. NUNCIO, NAVY EMU 10G-ROTATION 12

Serving as sole Preventive Medicine Technician (PMT) at Erbil Iraq, Erbil Air Base (EAB), Operation Inherent Resolve, HM3 performed flawlessly in a Joint combat environment. As Casualty Receiving Corpsman he was first responder to a life-threatening gunshot wound on a coalition service member, he provided immediate life-saving actions which were key to the survival of his patient. Upon U.S. Army preventive medicine staffing shortfalls, HM3's technical expertise was sought out as he provided direct support to 35 tenant commands by performing 95 sanitation inspections and 110 bacteriological analysis water and ice tests. During the early signs of an *E. coli* outbreak his immediate response led him to take prompt action as he conducted 18 interviews, eventually discovering the contaminated water source and saving EAB personnel from a full-scale *E. coli* outbreak preventing mission degradation. A true Ambassador supporting partnerships and further enhancing combat injury survivability. BRAVO ZULU, HM3!



HM2 SYDNEY A. MOSES, USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)

Serving as Senior Laboratory Technician, HM2 Moses supervised the testing of 3,405 laboratory tests and oversaw the collection of 1,500 HIV tests, directly contributing to the NIMITZ overall readiness of over 90%. She was instrumental in aiding the Ship's Surgeon and TYCOM in implementing the new Low Titer "O" program into the fleet-wide Walking Blood Bank SOP. This change in the process decreases the time needed to collect whole blood by 20 minutes due to the readily available low titer "O" personnel minimizing the need for type-specific blood in the critical early stages of any mass casualty. HM2 Moses's technical acumen and management abilities culminated in laudatory scores via Afloat Training Group receiving a 100% grade during Tailored Ship's Training Availability and Final Evaluation Problem and a 96% grade during Commander Naval Air Forces Medical Readiness Inspection. BRAVO ZULU, HM2!

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HM2 JOHNVINCENT SANTIAGO, USNS MERCY

Serving as Pharmacy Leading Petty Officer, he led 6 Sailors in providing Inpatient and Outpatient services for 15 ward units, four Intensive Care Units, and two casualty receiving stations totaling 1,000 beds. Led four Sailors through AVCERT, Dynamic Interface, and four internal exercises. His leadership yielded eight technical PQS completions and four shipboard qualifications. As Supply Petty Officer and Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support system administrator, he executed 1,930 orders for medications valued at \$975K; his actions were crucial for a successful mission. During Pacific Partnership 2022, he volunteered as a translator for three events and conducted Pharmacy training engagements for three Host Countries totaling 50 Pharmacy Technicians contributing to improvements in host-nation Pharmacy services. BRAVO ZULU, HM2!



HM2(AW) ROBERT A. JOHNSON, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Serving as the Senior Aerospace Medical Technician, he oversaw six junior Corpsmen in the completion of 4,500 readiness physicals and 510 audiograms. He streamlined the physical appointment and check-in process, a now standard approach, reducing wait times from three hours to 30 minutes. This ensured readiness was met for 630 newly checked-in Sailors and a 21 percent increase in reportable medical readiness. Additionally, he was hand selected to augment USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) during a four-day underway where he performed 103 flight deck physicals and re-established the ship's audio booth, leading to the performance of 37 audiograms, increasing readiness and aiding USS NIMITZ to earn C-1 Status. BRAVO ZULU, HM2!

FALLEN, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

Hospitalman Edwin Gonzalez

North Miami Beach, FL. Died October 10, 2010, Supporting Combat Operations in Afghanistan. 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2D Marine Division

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Mark R. Cannon

Lubbock, TX. Died October 2, 2007, Supporting Combat Operations in Afghanistan. 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Christopher W. Thompson

N. Wilkesboro, NC. Died October 21, 2005. Supporting Combat Operations in Iraq. Assigned to Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 8th regimental Combat Team, 2D Marine Division

Hospitalman Charles D. Sare

Hemet, CA. Died October 23, 2006. Supporting Combat Operations in Iraq. Assigned to Multi-National Corps Iraq, Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Port Hueneme, CA



FAIR WINDS AND



FOLLOWING SEAS

HMC ALLEN CHRISTINA

HMC EUSTAQUIO ANNEL

HMC MEDINA JULIO

HCMC BURNETT JAMES

HMCS HAYDEN JOSEPH

HMCS SMITH AMY

HM1 COPELAND SAMUEL

HM1 LABOY HECTOR

HCMC STANFIELD DAVID

HMC CZANOWSKI CATHERINE

HMC LAWRENCE JASON

HMC TALMADGE DAVID

HMCS DARNALL KATHRYN

HM1 MARES JEREMY

HM1 WAHL RAYMOND

For many years these sailors stood the watch. While some of us were in our bunks at night these sailors stood the watch.

While some of us were in school learning our trade these shipmates stood the watch.

Yes.. even before some of us were born into this world these shipmates stood the watch.

In those years when the storm clouds of war were seen brewing on the horizon of history these shipmates stood the watch.

**Many times they would cast an eye ashore and see their family standing there,
needing their guidance and help, needing that hand to hold during those hard times but they still stood the watch.**

They stood the watch for twenty years or more.

**They stood the watch so that we, our families and our fellow countrymen could sleep soundly in safety, each and every night,
knowing that a Sailor stood the watch. Today we are here to say,**

Shipmate... the watch stands relieved.

Relieved by those you have trained ,guided, and led.

Shipmate you stand relieved..

WE HAVE THE WATCH

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